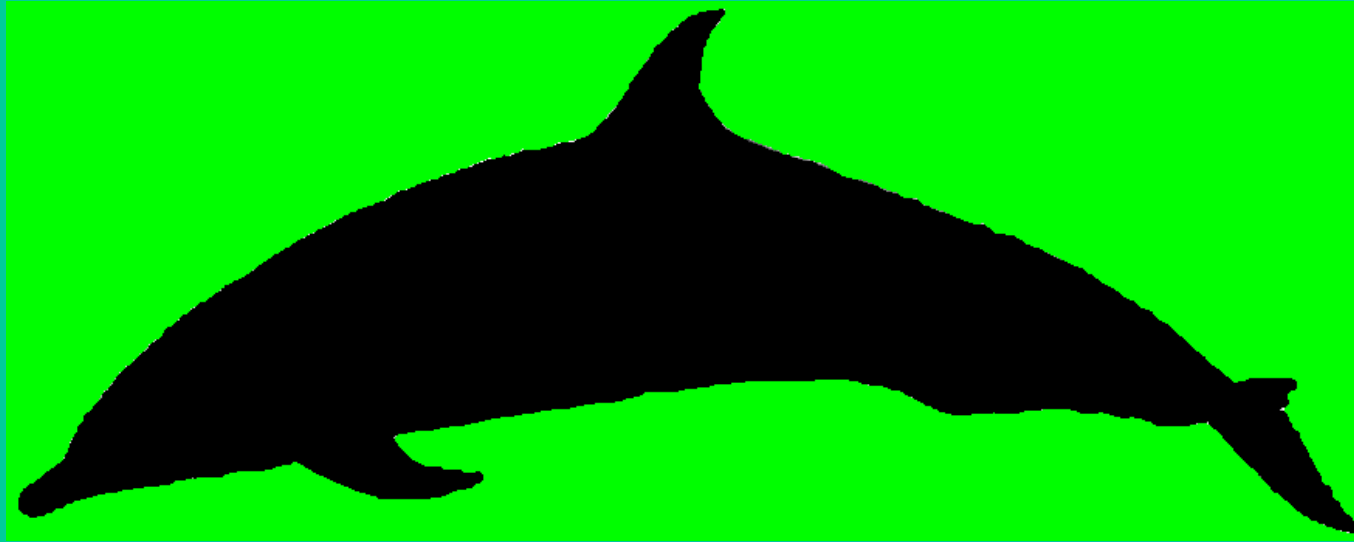
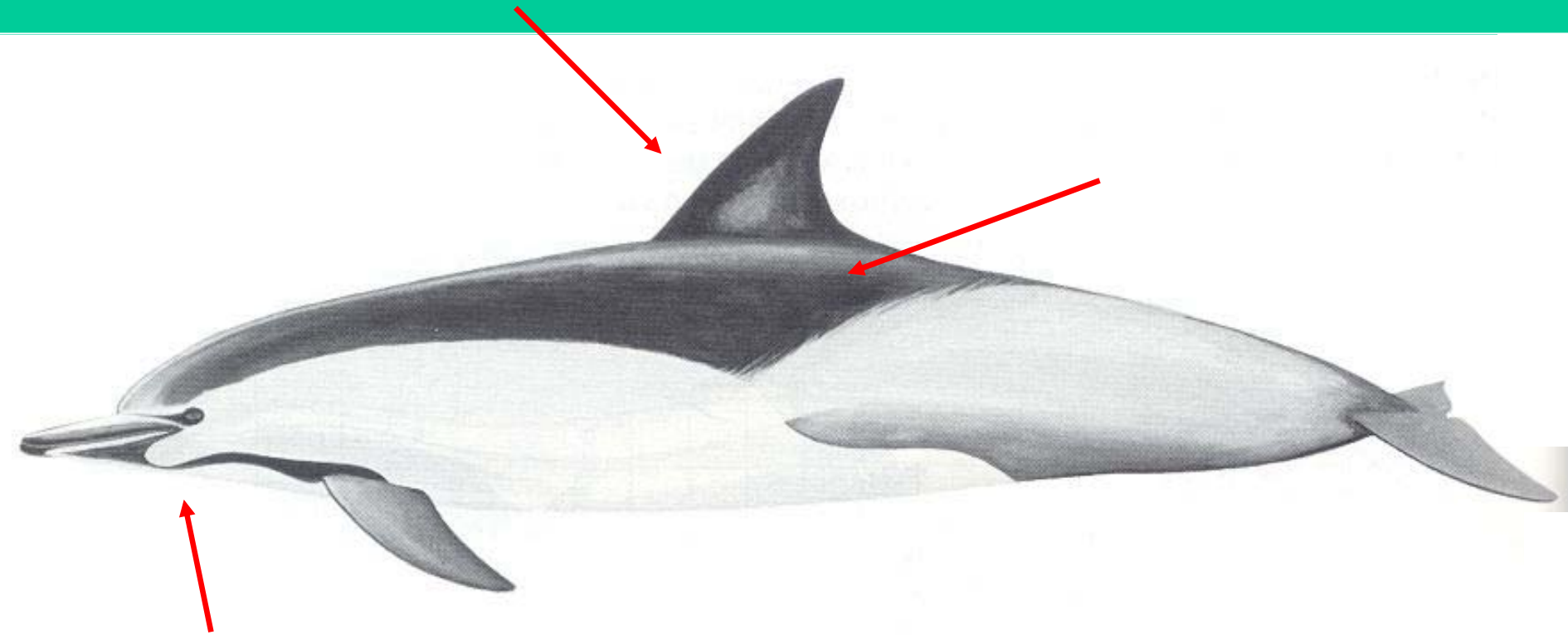


# Cetacean Identification

## The Dolphins



**A species identification guide to the dolphins  
species encountered by PIRO Hawaii Longline  
Observers.**



## Common Dolphin

*Delphinus spp.*

Pointed falcate dorsal fin

Dark V-shaped cape

Flipper to chin stripe

## Common Dolphin

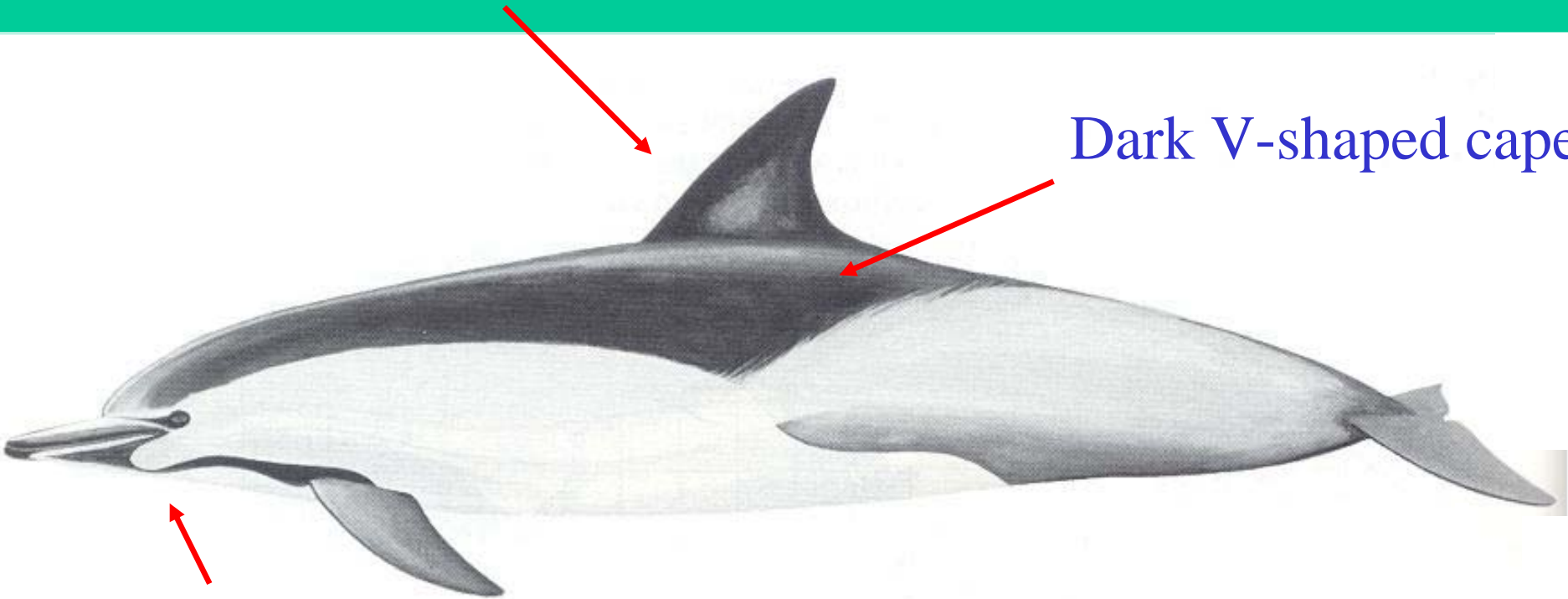




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**Longnose Common Dolphins**



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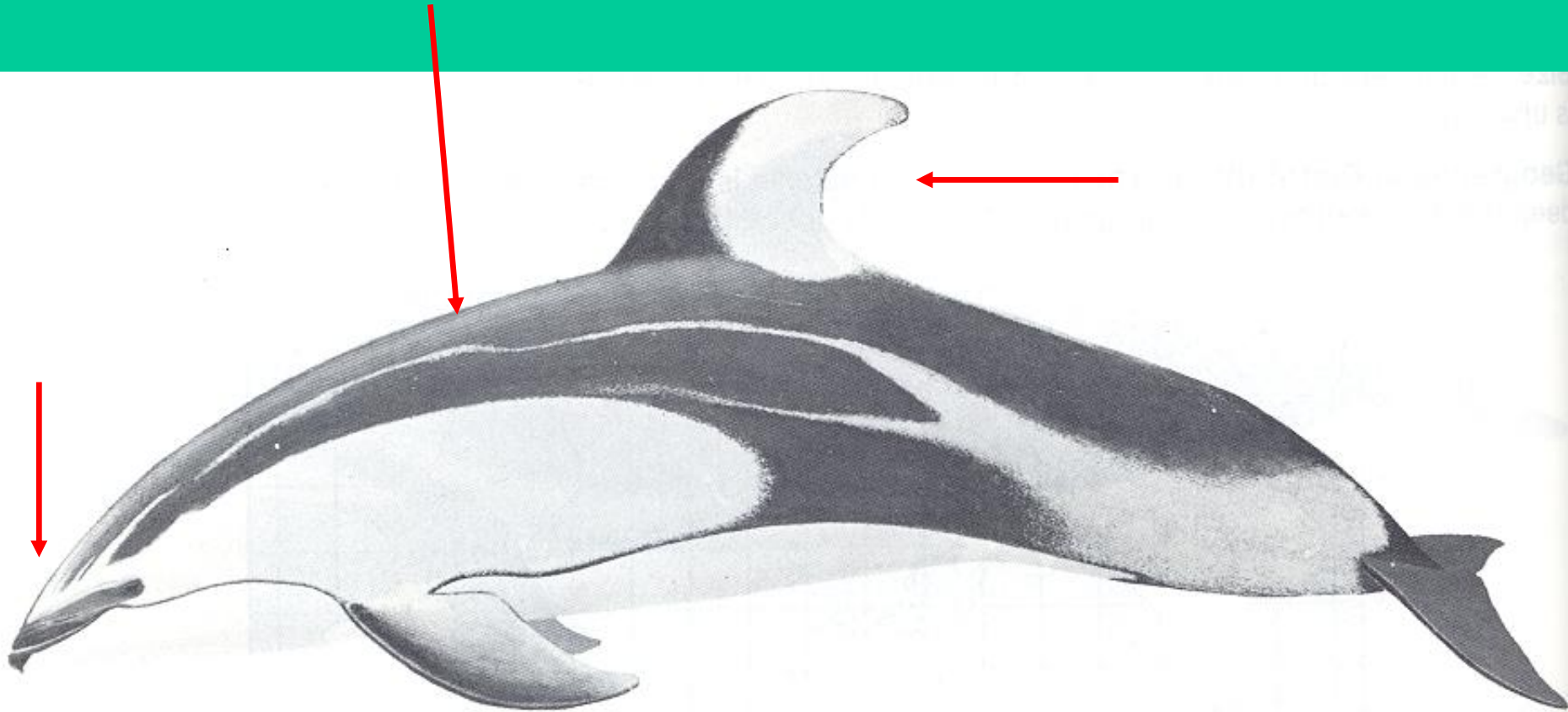












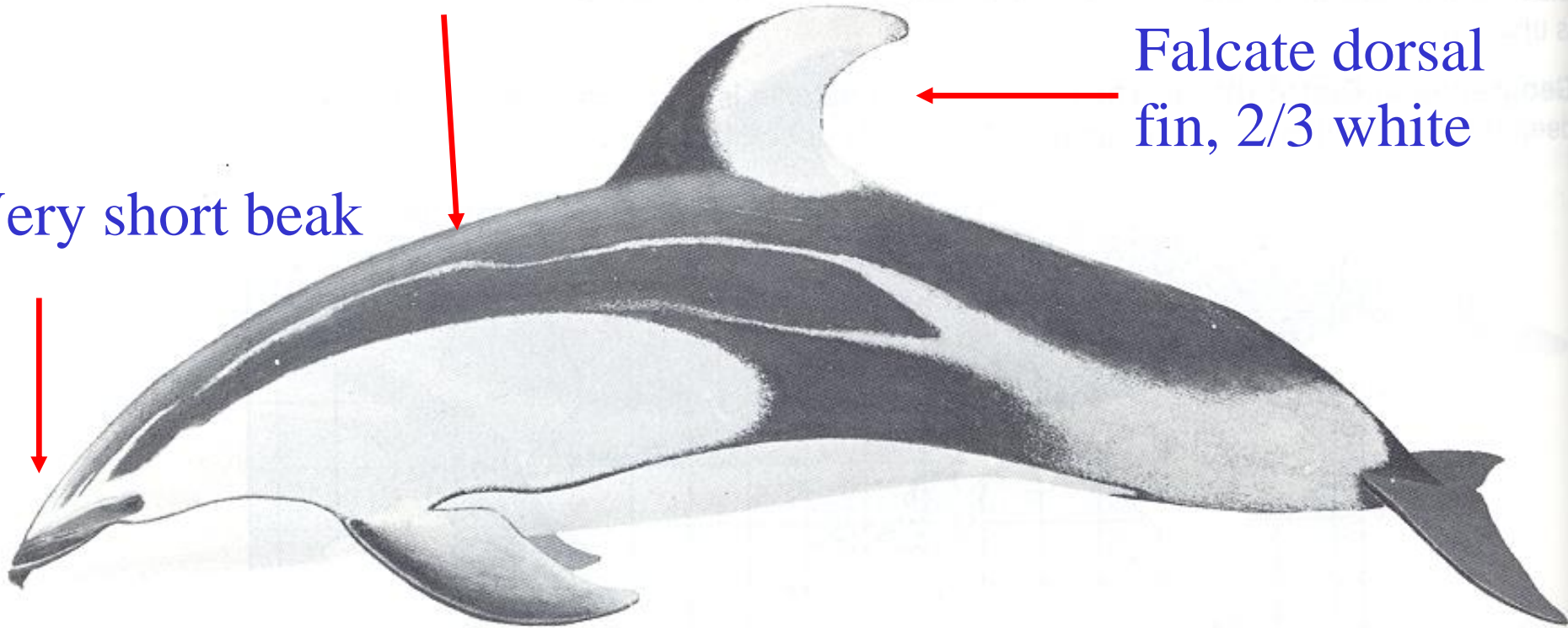
## **Pacific White-sided Dolphin**

*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*

Suspender stripes

Falcate dorsal  
fin, 2/3 white

Very short beak



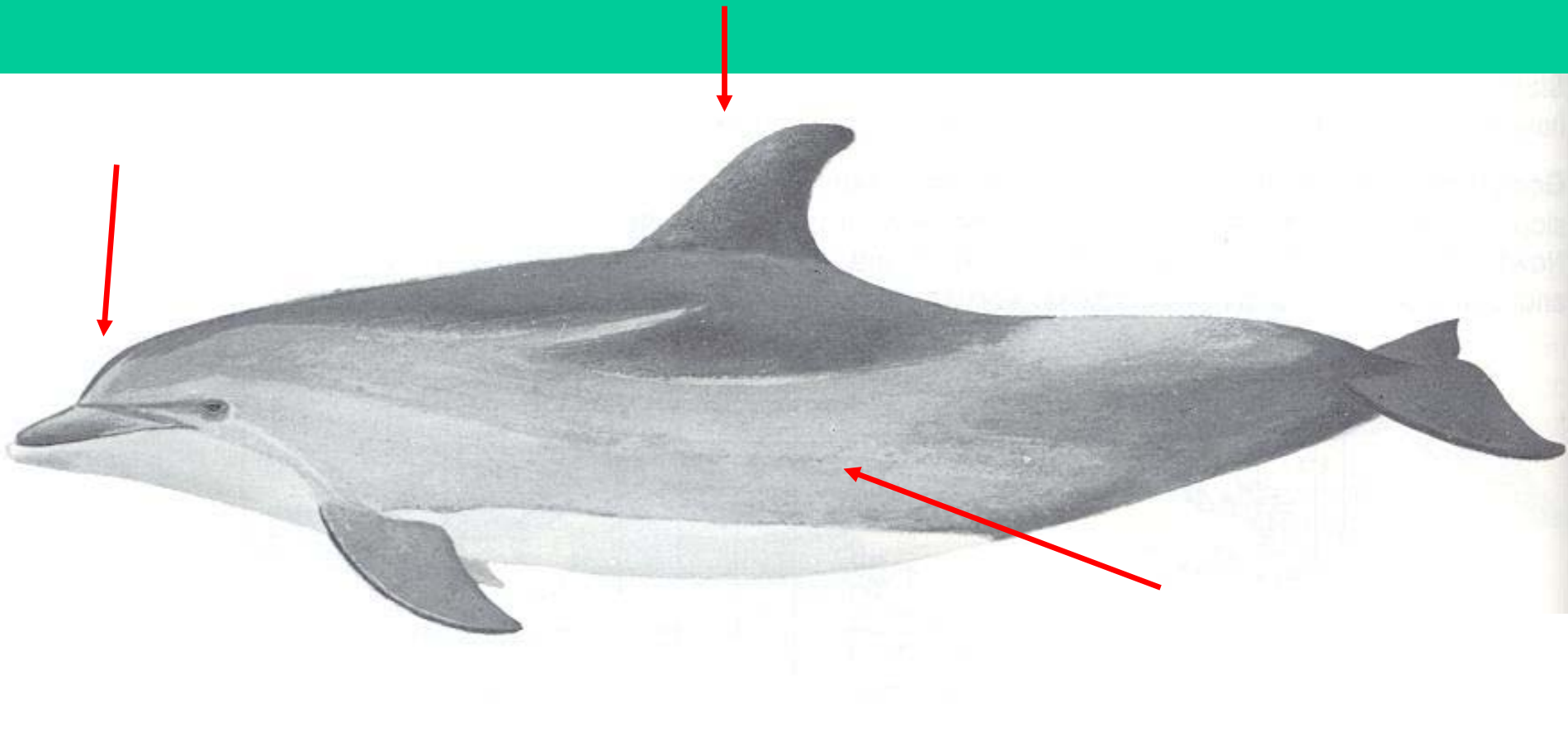
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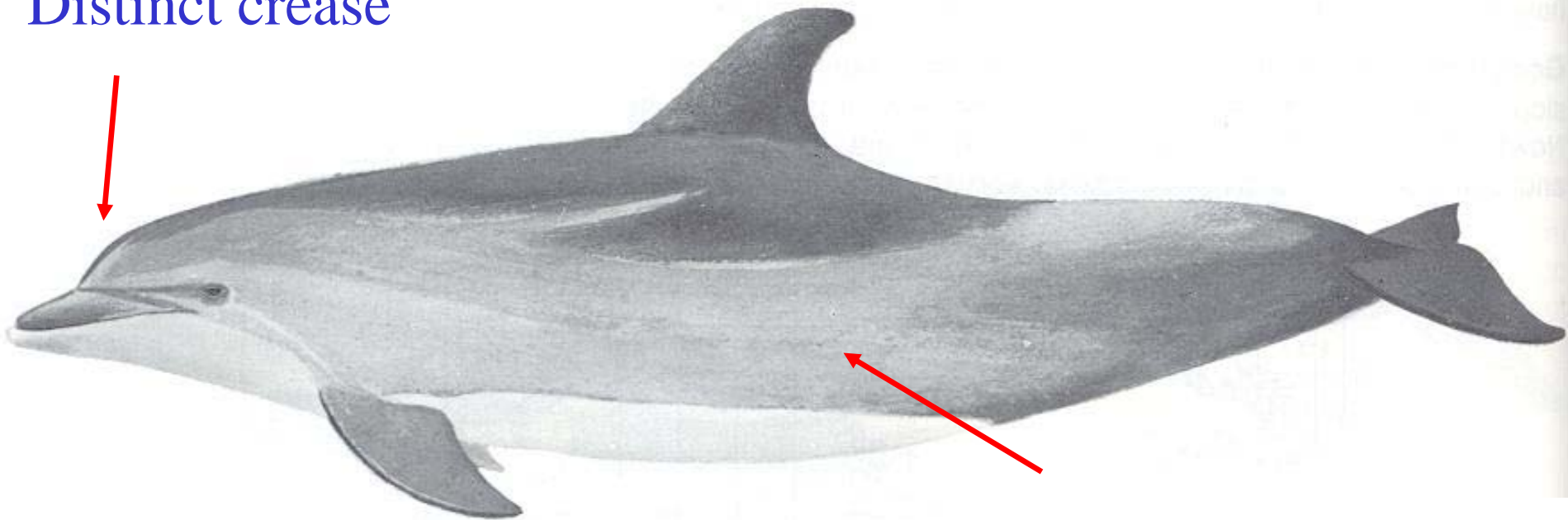




**Bottlenose Dolphin**  
*Tursiops truncatus*

Solid gray dorsal fin

Distinct crease



Overall gray body color

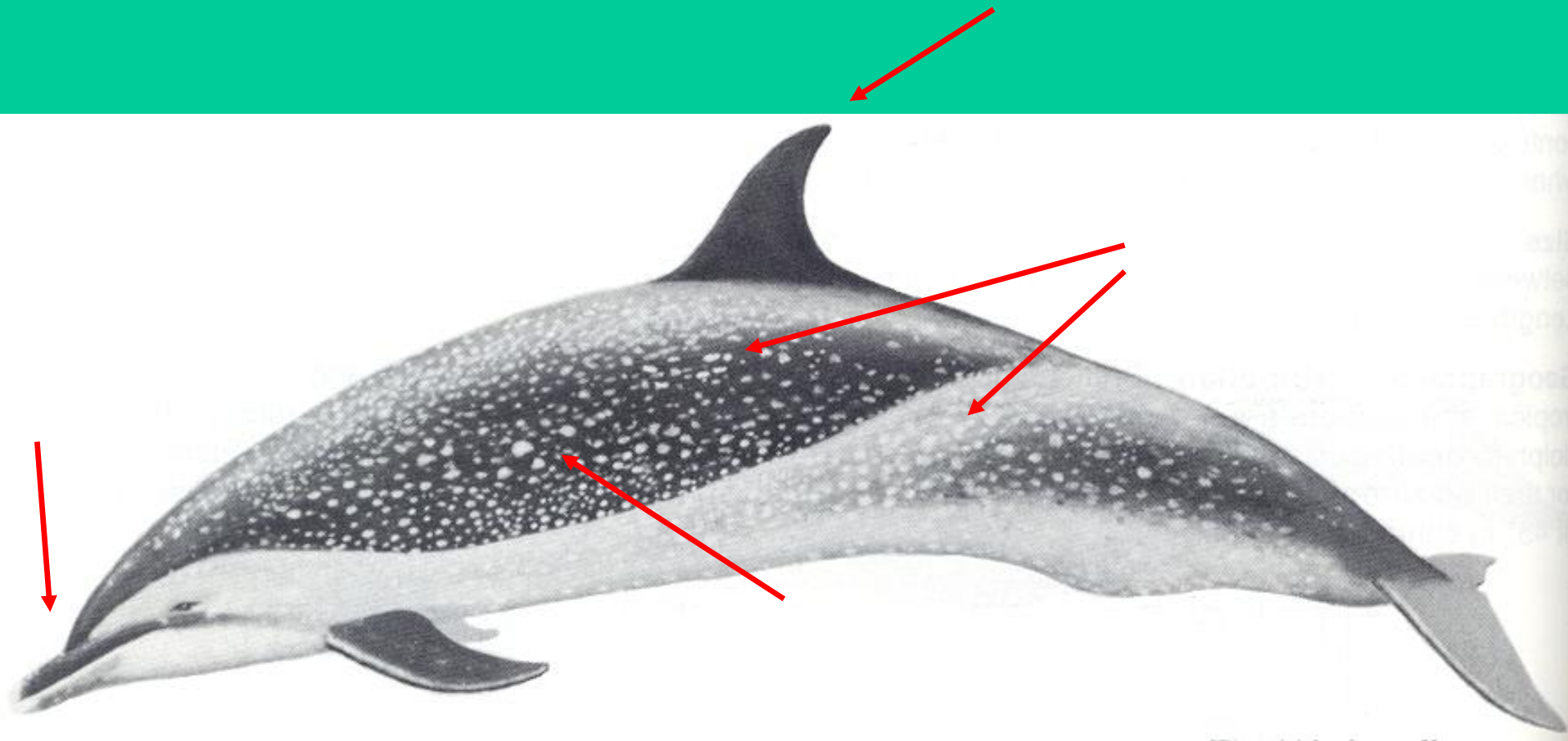
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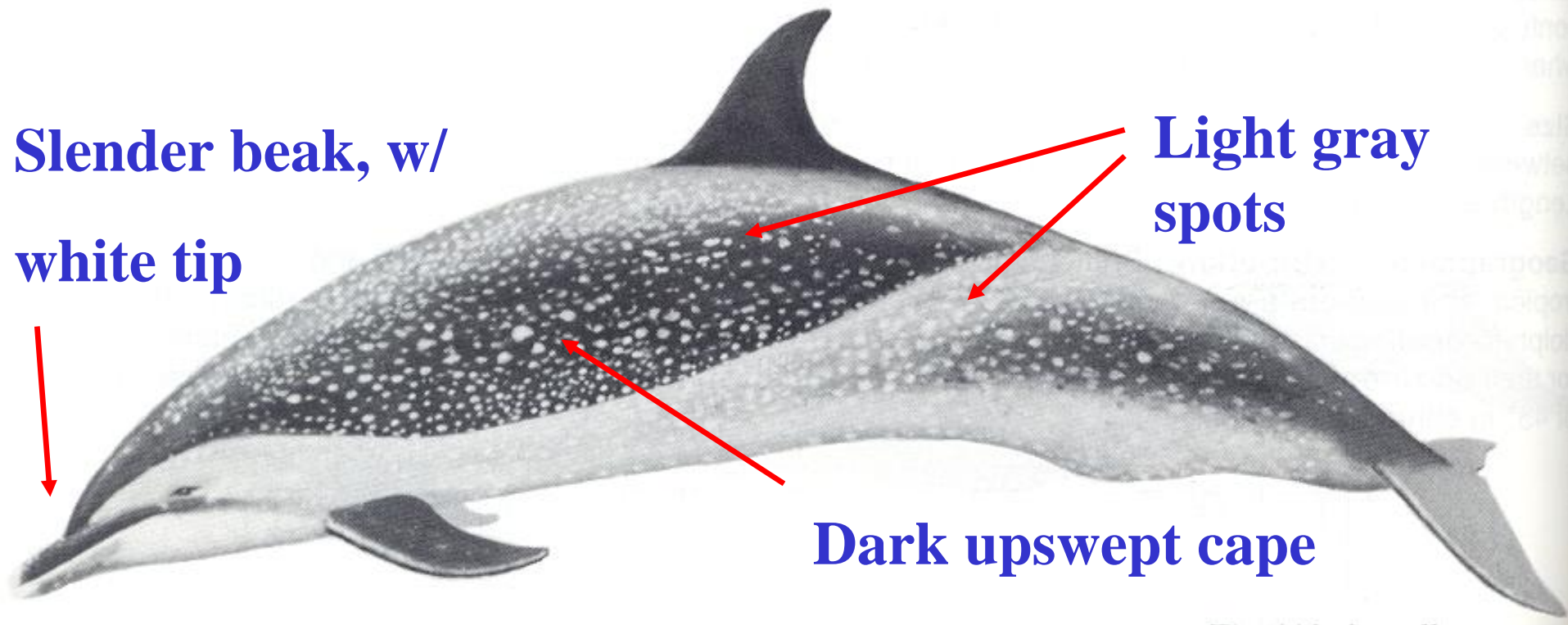






**Spotted Dolphin**  
*Stenella attenuata*

**Dark falcate dorsal fin**



**Slender beak, w/  
white tip**

**Light gray  
spots**

**Dark upswept caudal**

**Spotted Dolphin**



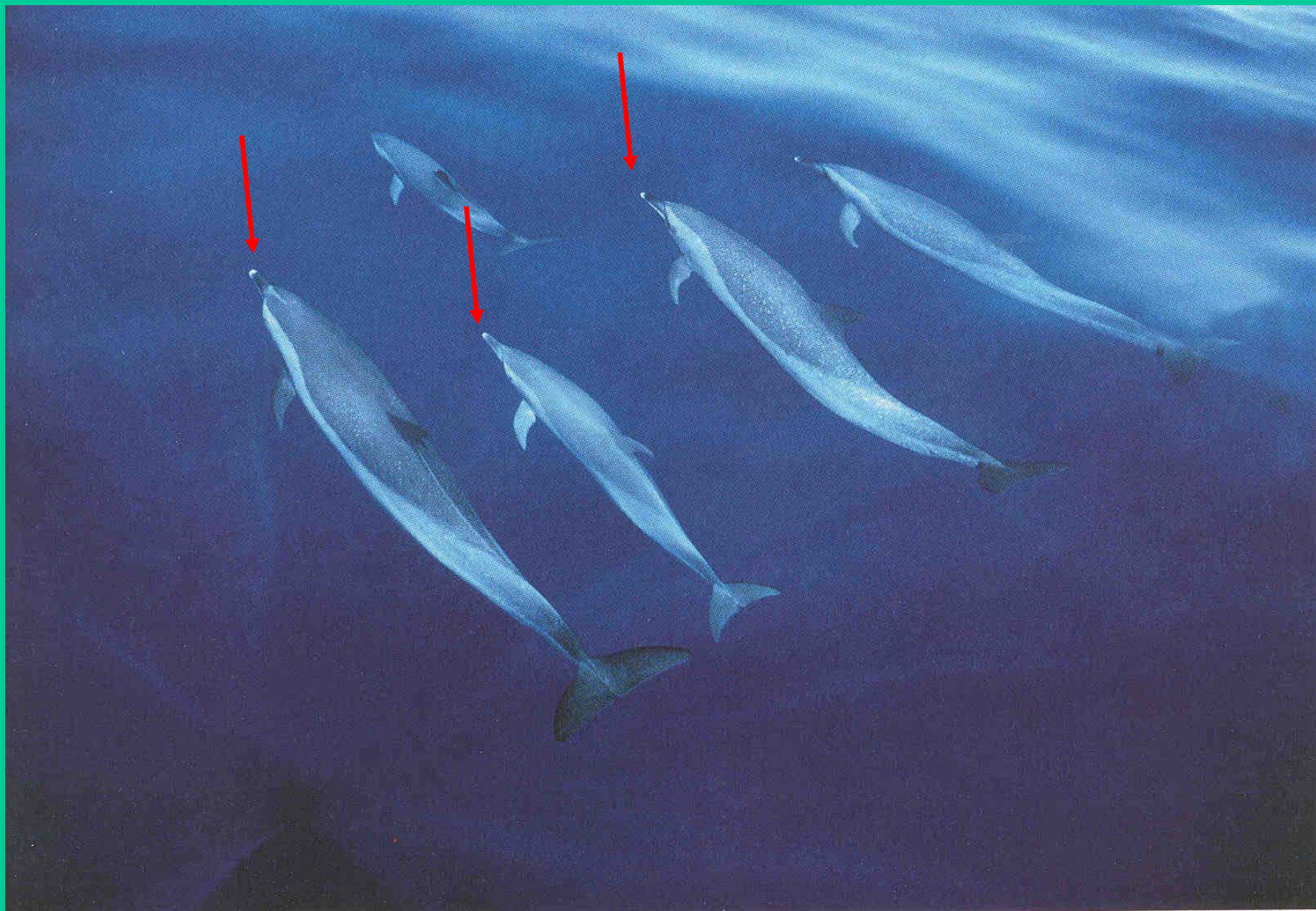




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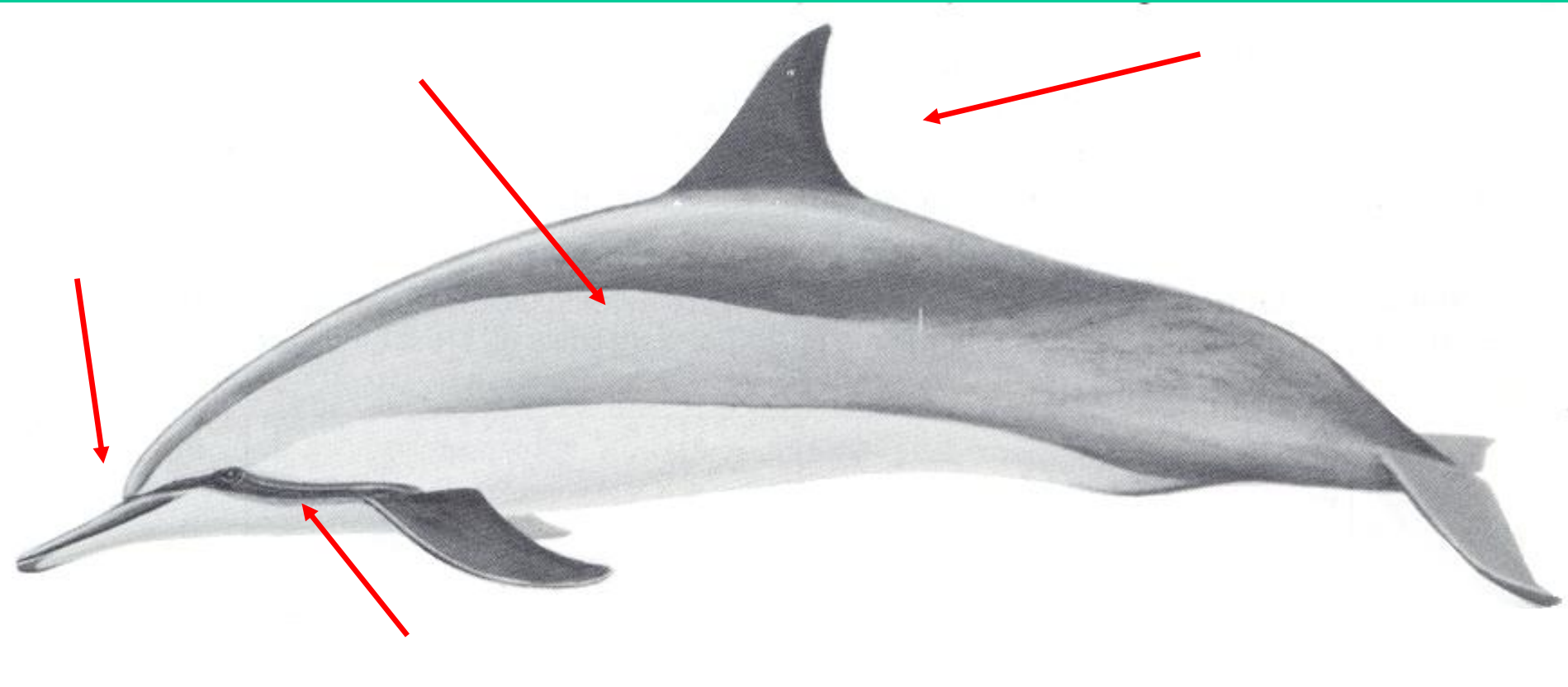
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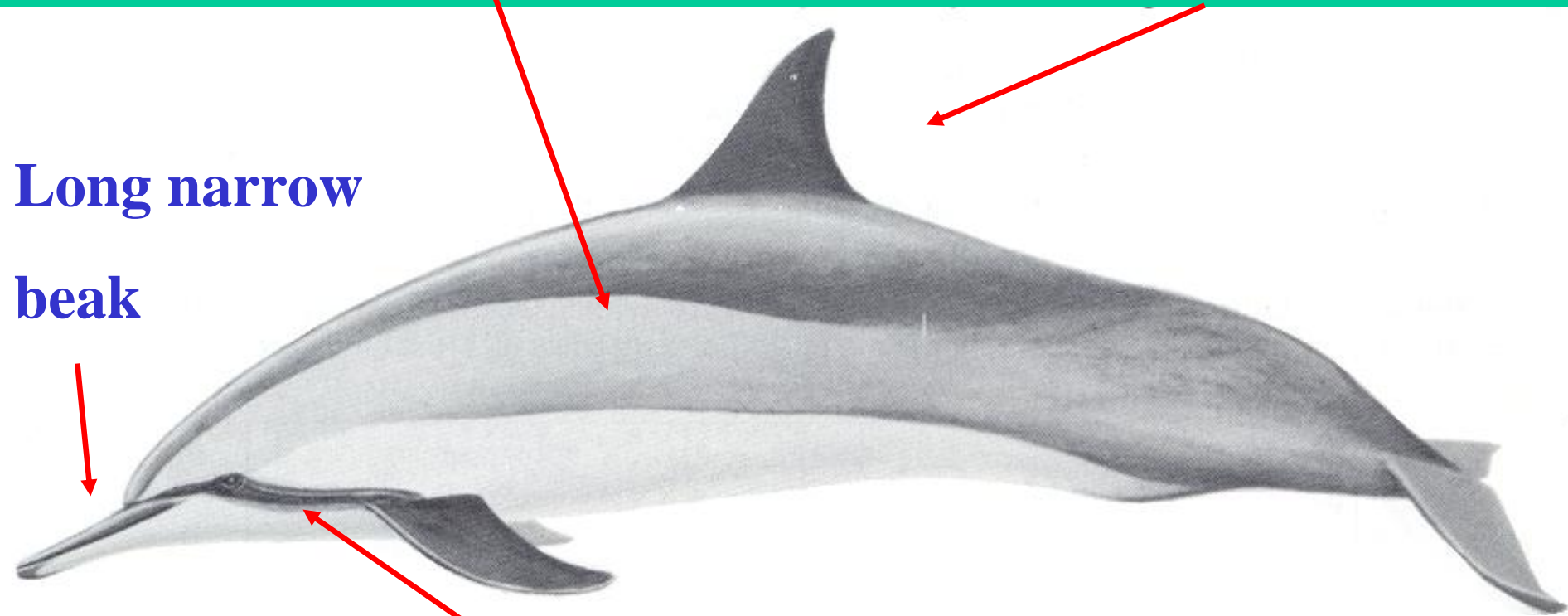


**Spinner Dolphin**  
*Stenella longirostris*

**3-tone color pattern  
w/ dark cape**

**Pointed falcate  
dorsal fin**

**Long narrow  
beak**



**Eye-flipper stripe**

**Spinner Dolphin**





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**Notice the slender beak of this Spinner dolphin.**



## Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins







**Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins off Na Pali Coast**

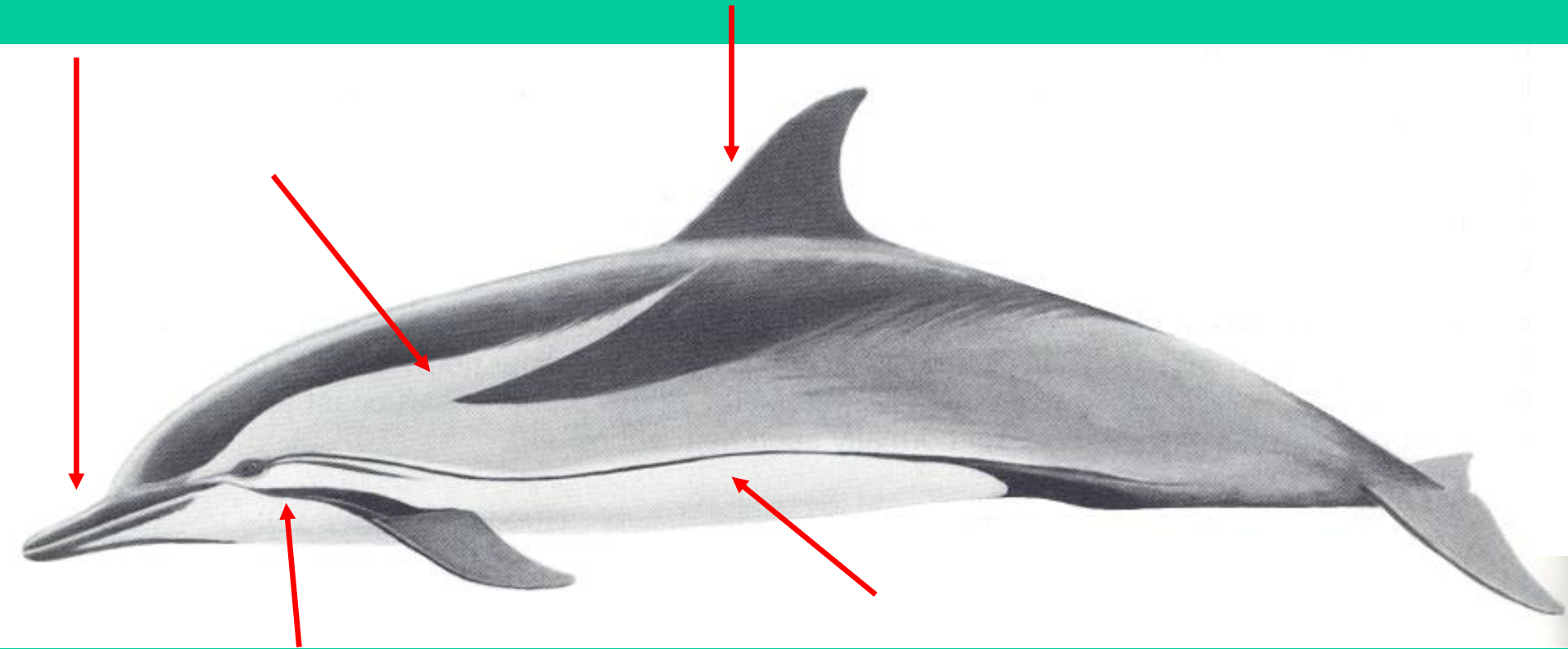


**Hawaiian Spinner Dolphins off Na Pali Coast**





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**Striped Dolphin**  
*Stenella coeruleoalba*



**Short beak**

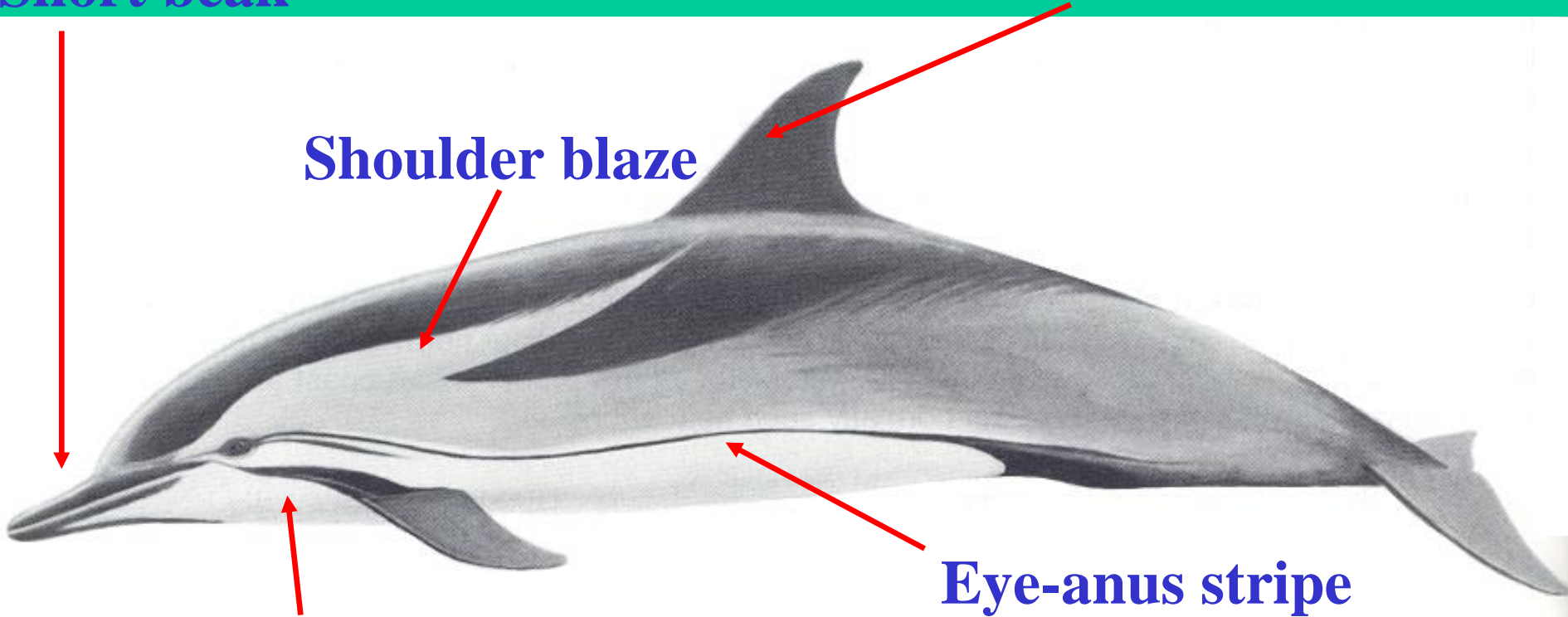
**Dark cape & dorsal fin**

**Shoulder blaze**

**Eye-anus stripe**

**Flipper-mouth stripe**

**Striped Dolphin**





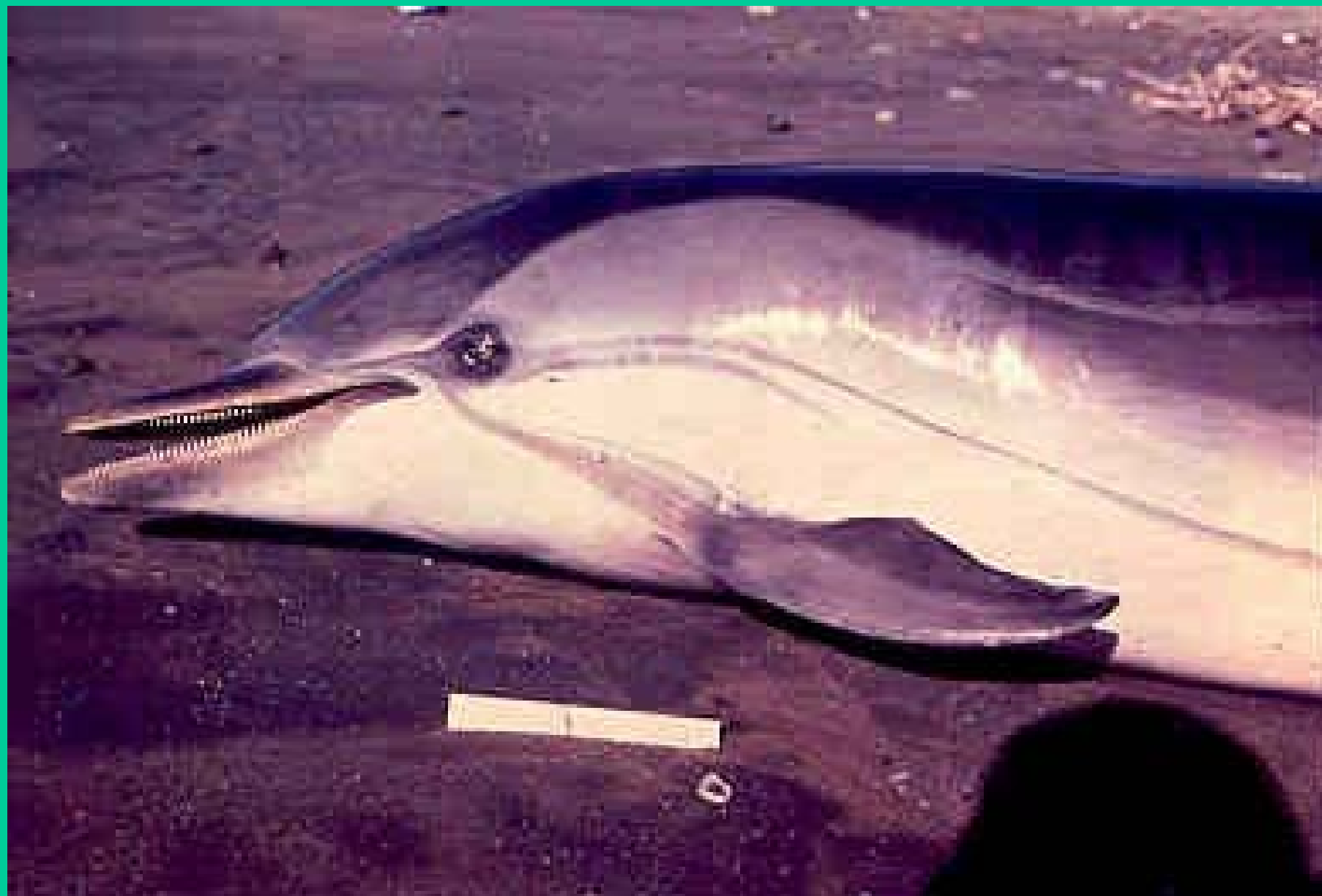


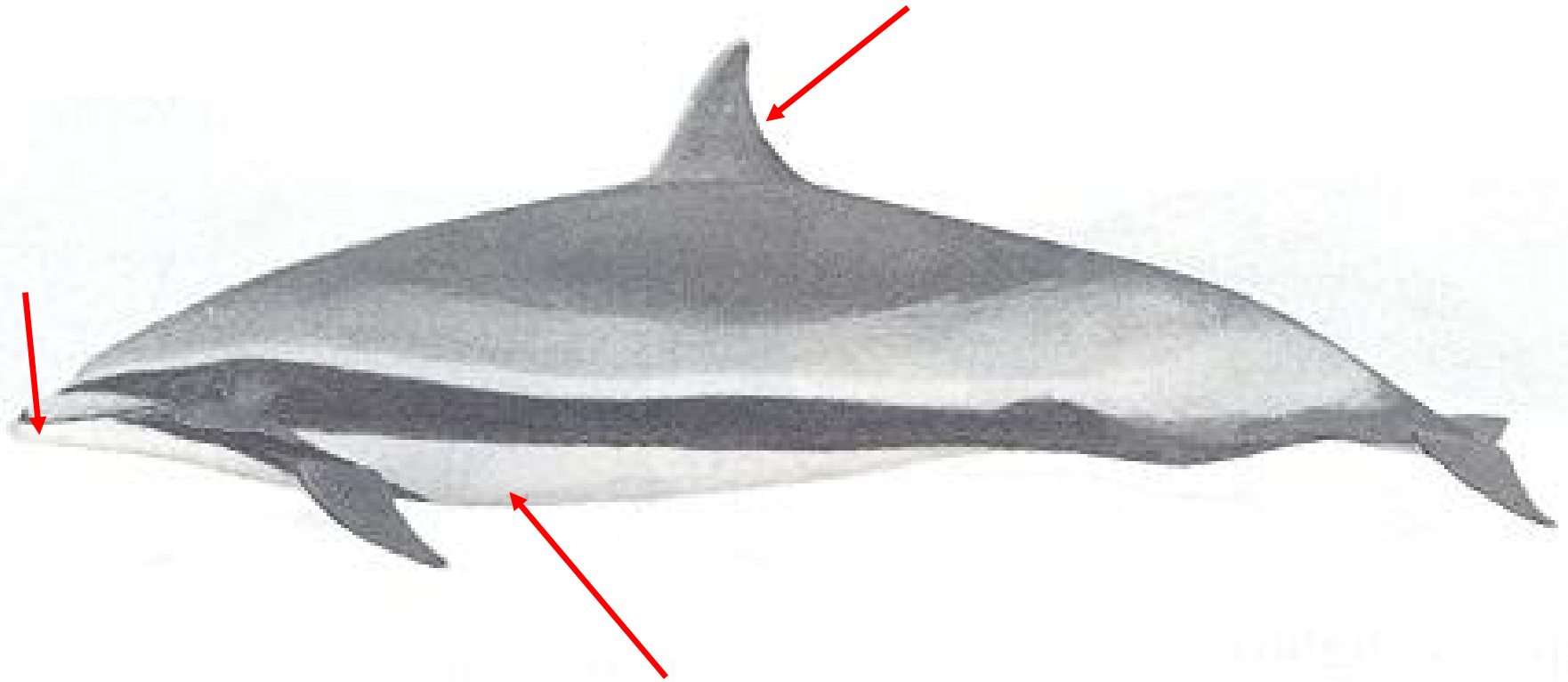


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**Fraser's Dolphin**  
*Lagenodelphis hosei*

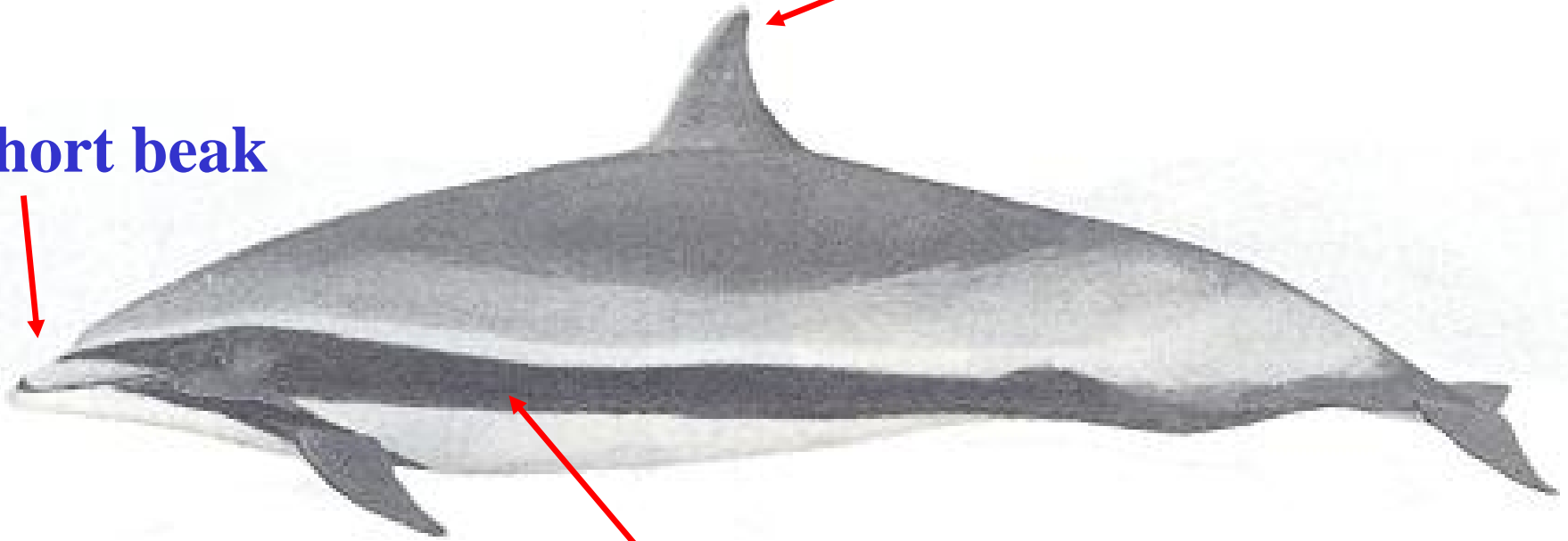


**Short beak**

**Small triangular  
dorsal fin**

**Wide eye-anus stripe**

**Fraser's Dolphin**

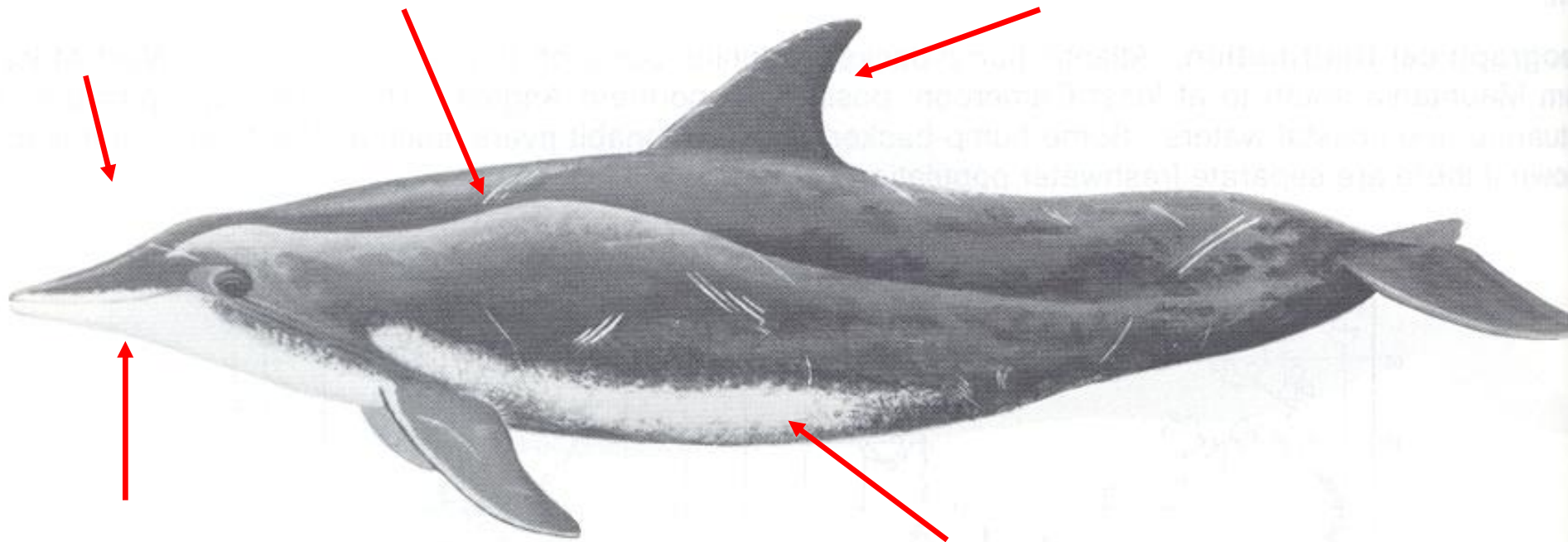












**Rough-toothed Dolphin**

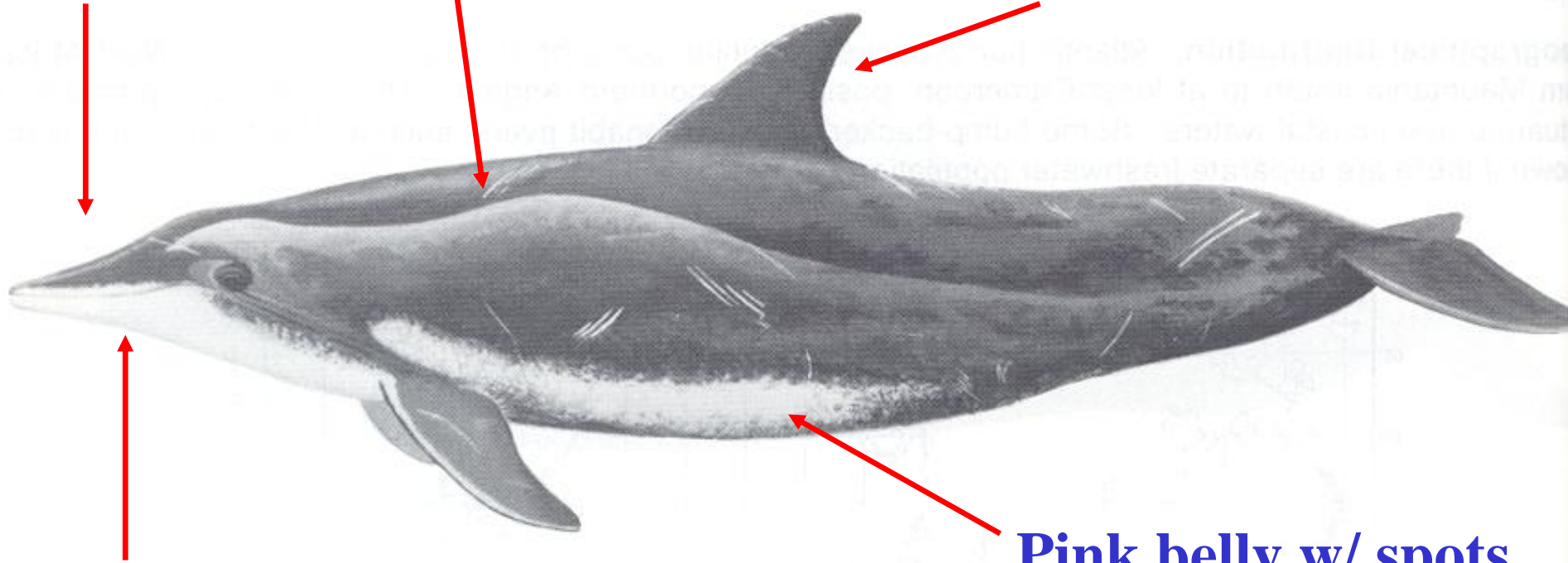
*Steno bredanensis*



**Suspender stripe**

**No crease**

**Large dorsal fin**



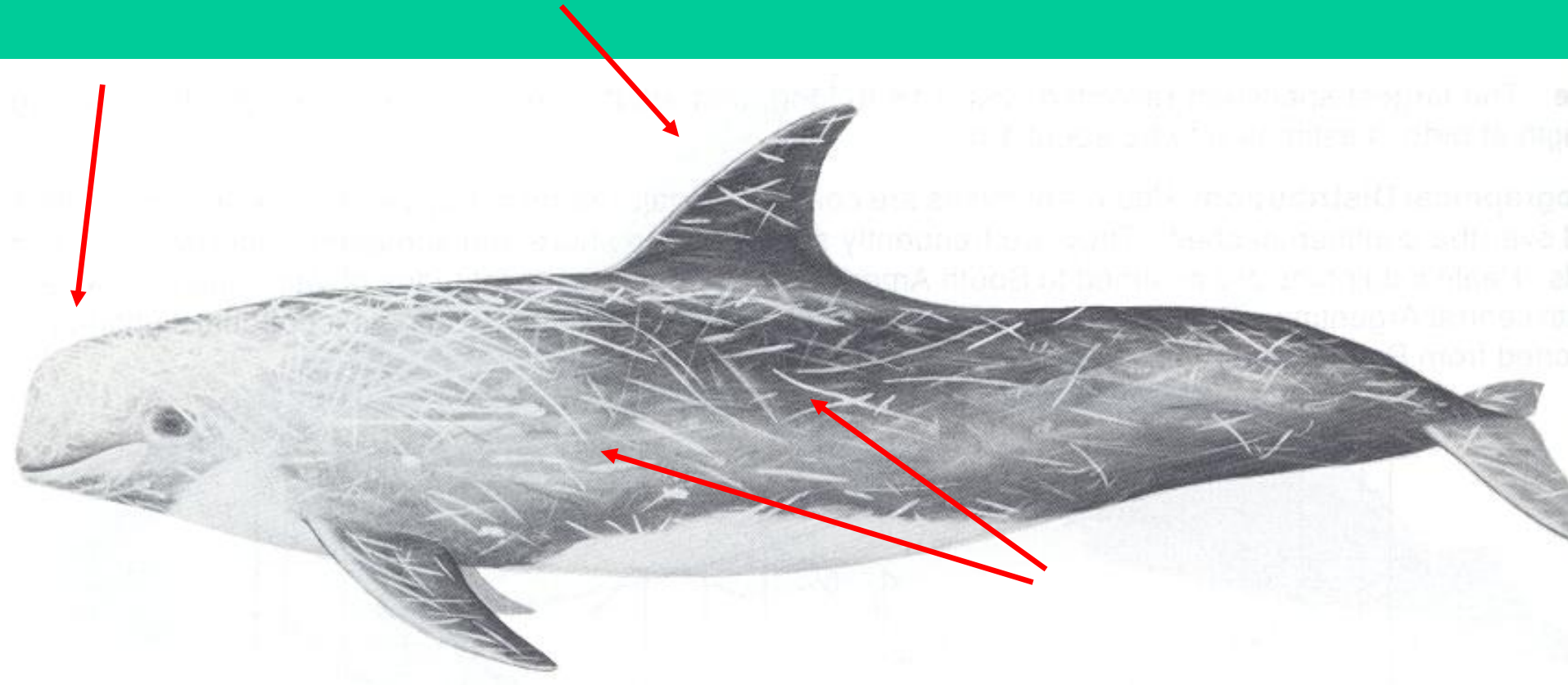
**Pink belly w/ spots**

**White chin**

**Rough-toothed Dolphin**

## Rough-toothed Dolphin



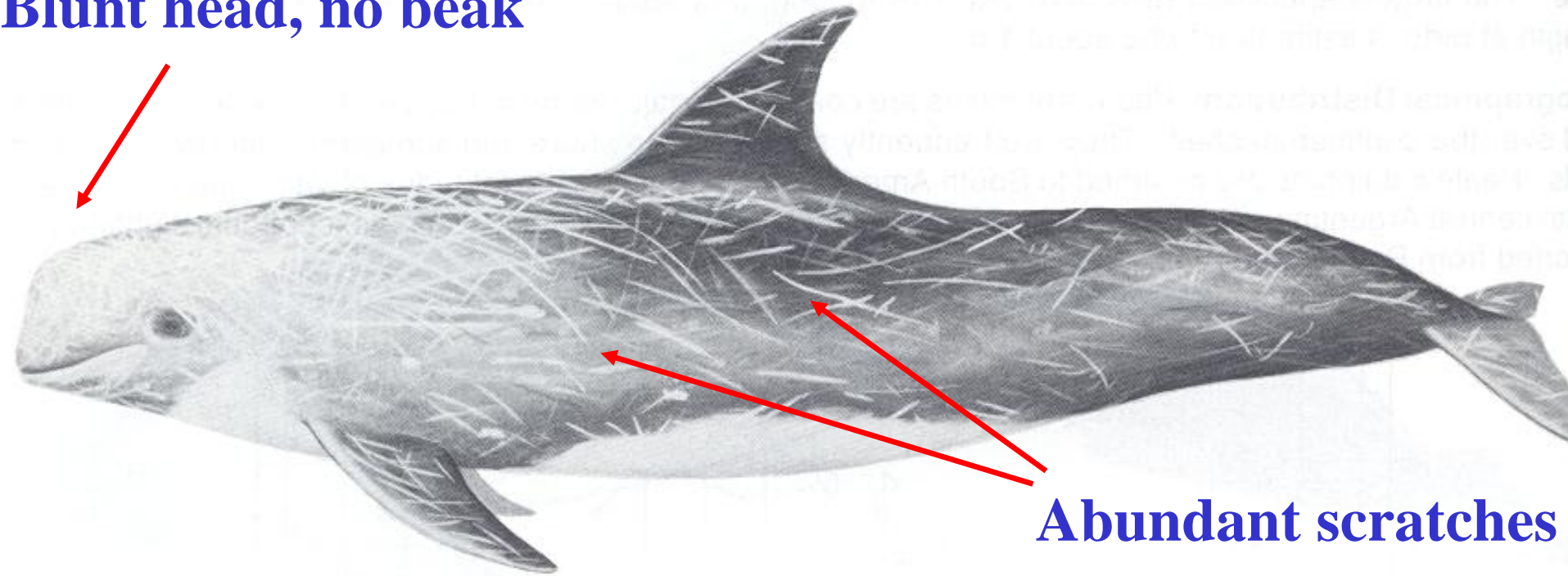


**Risso's Dolphin (aka Grampus)**

*Grampus griseus*

**Blunt head, no beak**

**Tall dorsal fin**

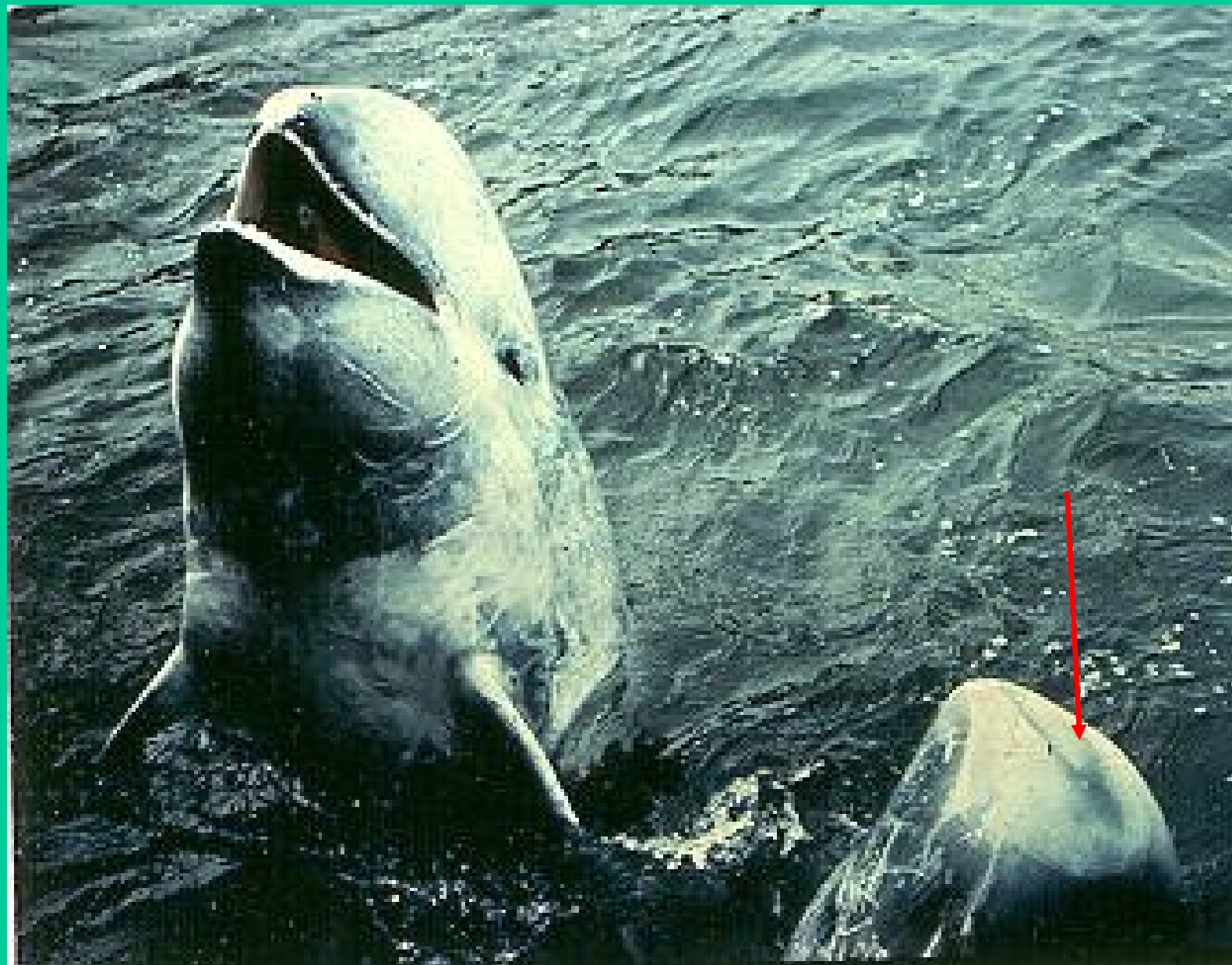


**Abundant scratches**

**Risso's Dolphin**









## Risso's Dolphin, juvenile



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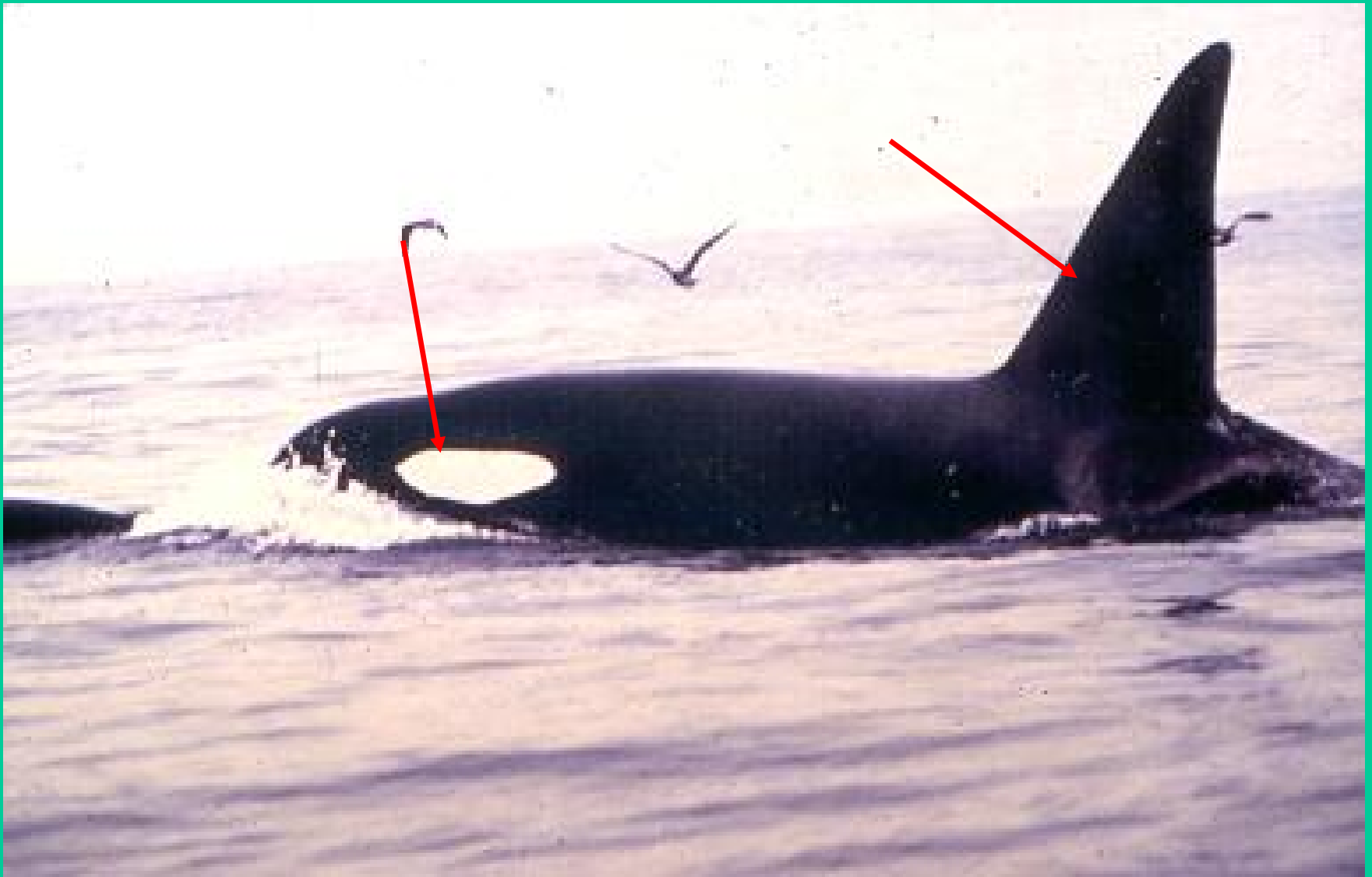


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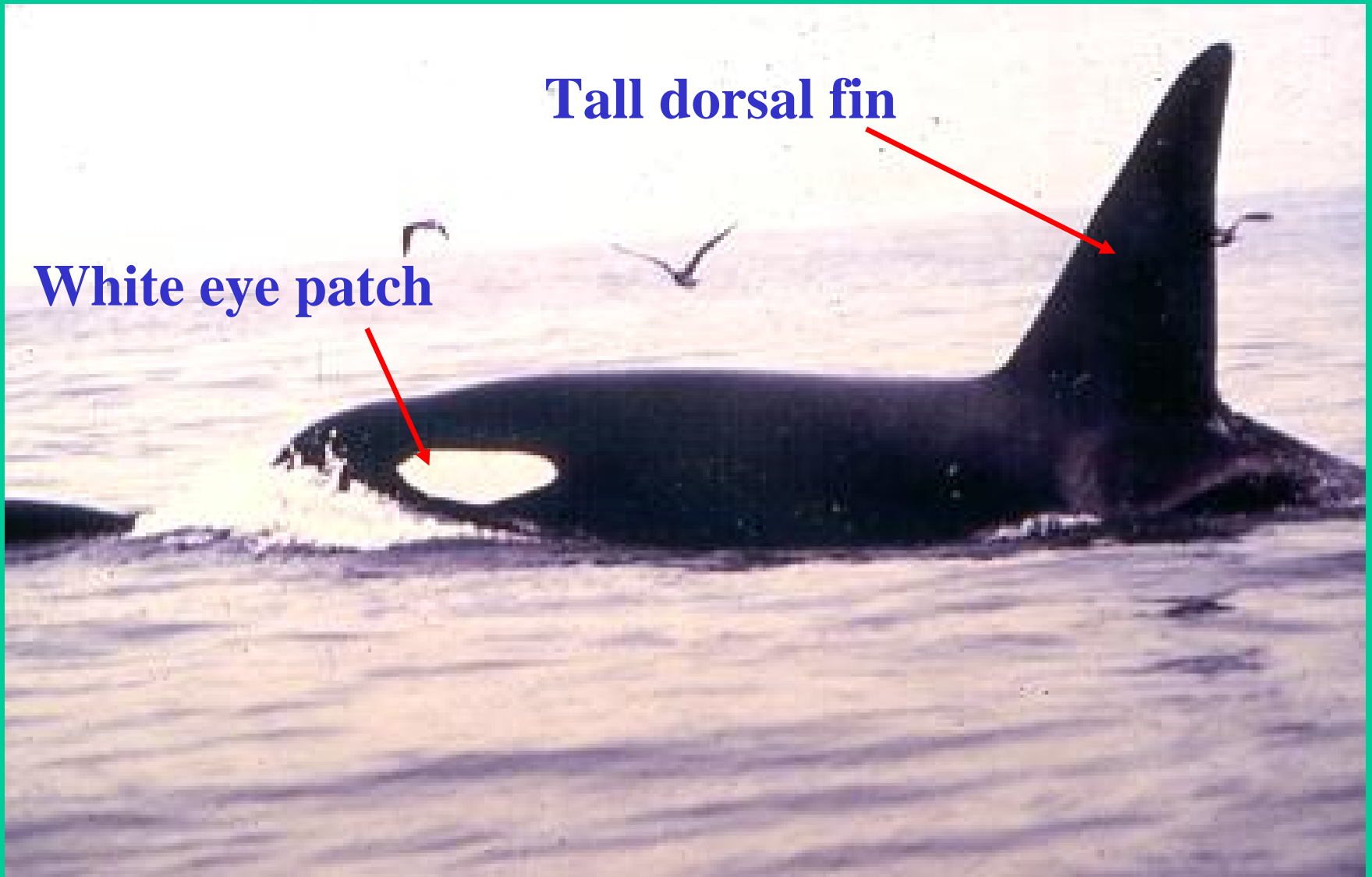




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**Killer Whale**  
*Orcinus orca*

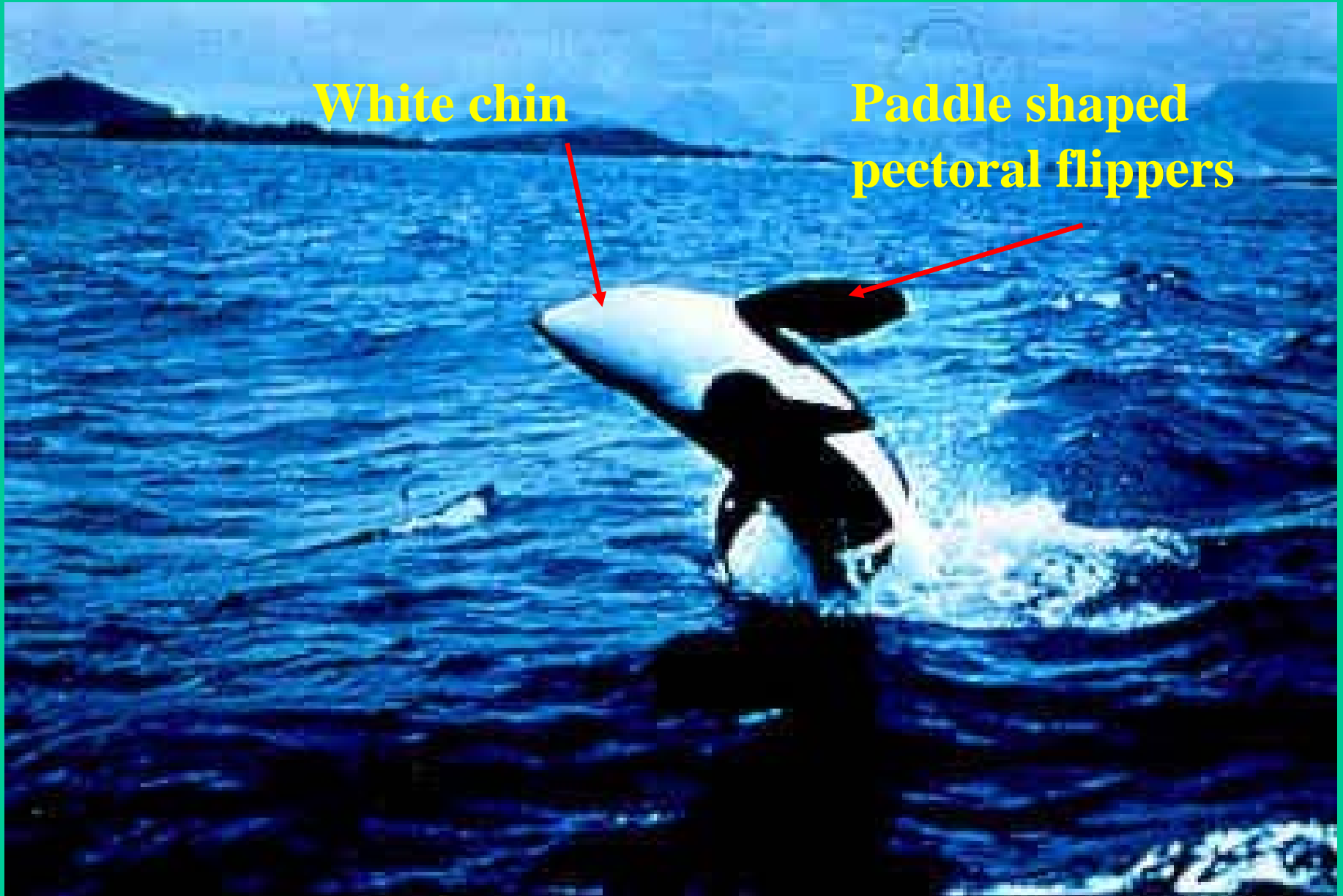


**Killer Whale**



**White chin**

**Paddle shaped  
pectoral flippers**











**Saddle patch**

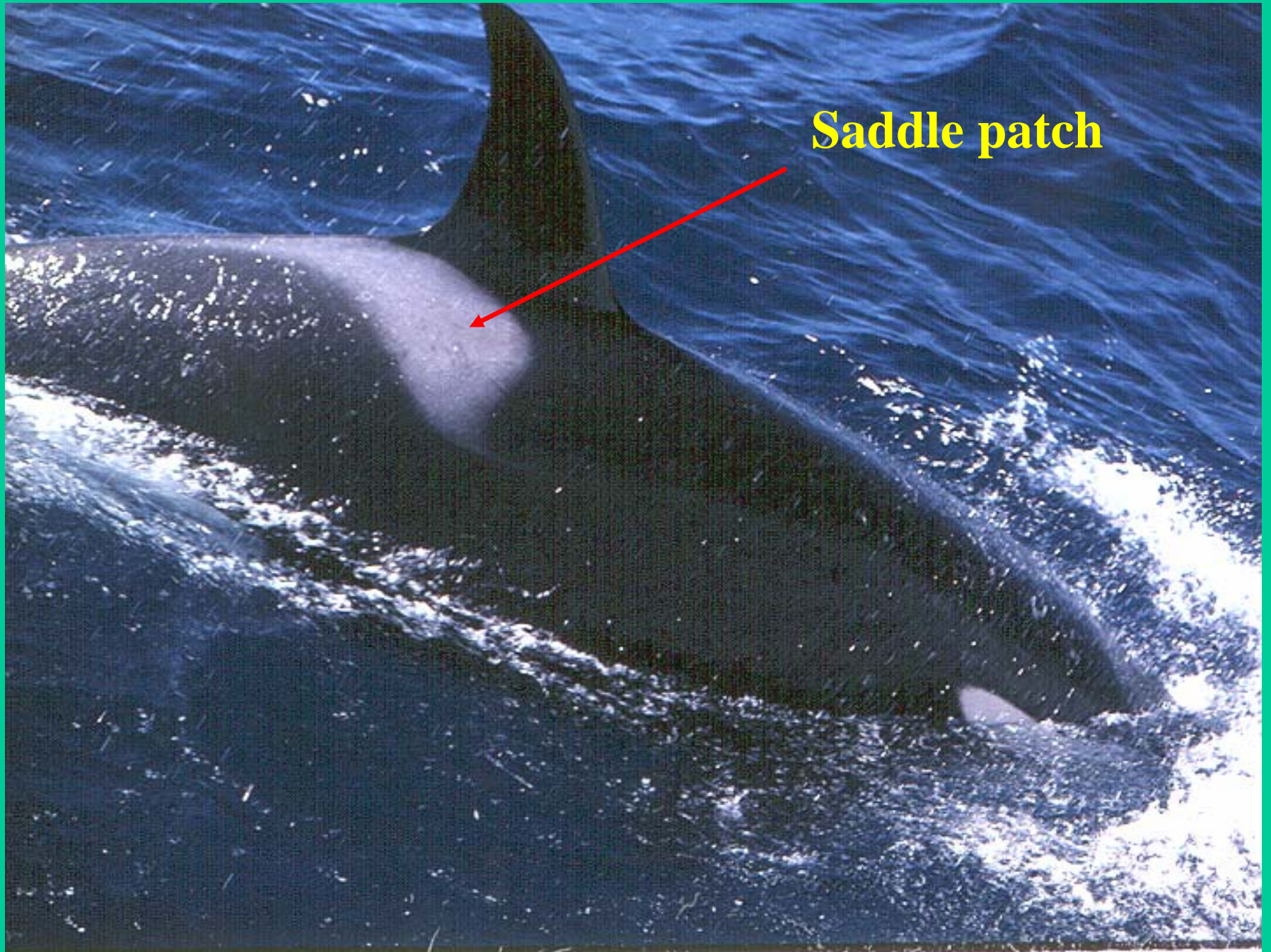








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**A pod of Orcas attacking a Gray whale cow and her calf near Monterey Bay, CA. The calf is on it's mother's back.**

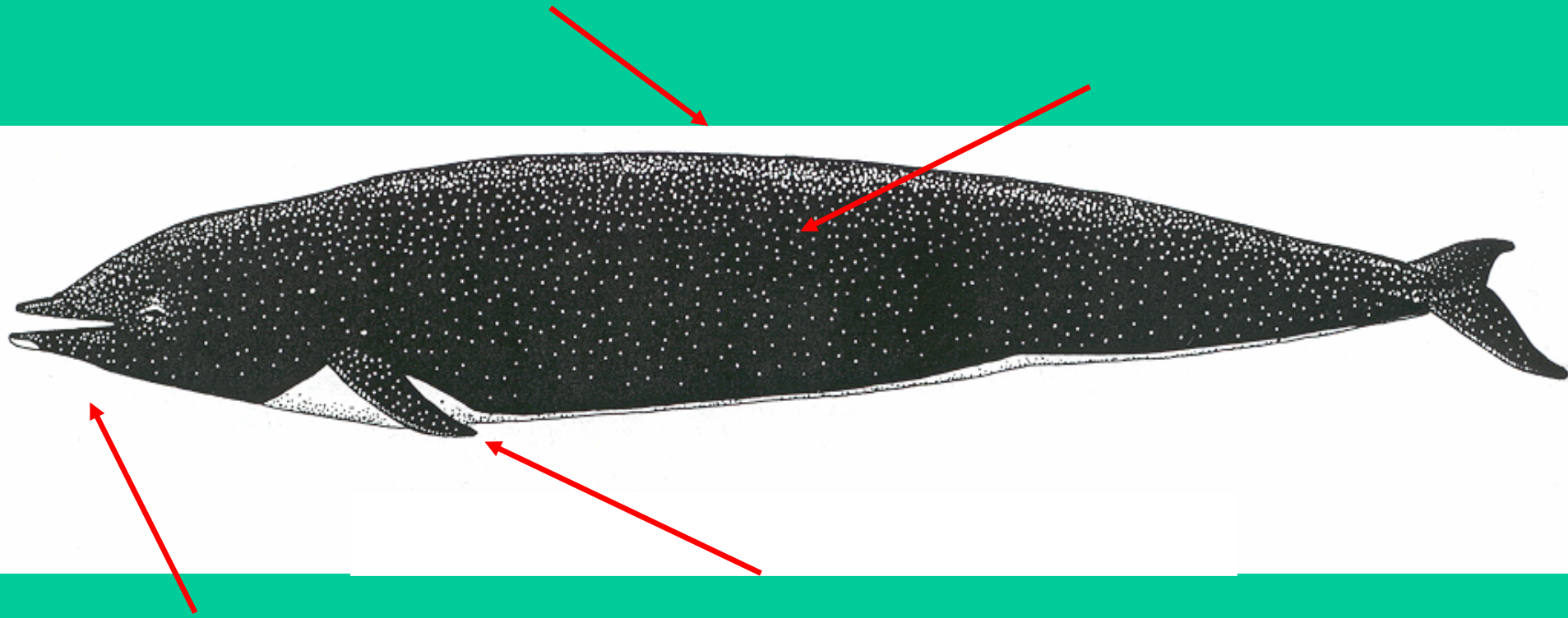
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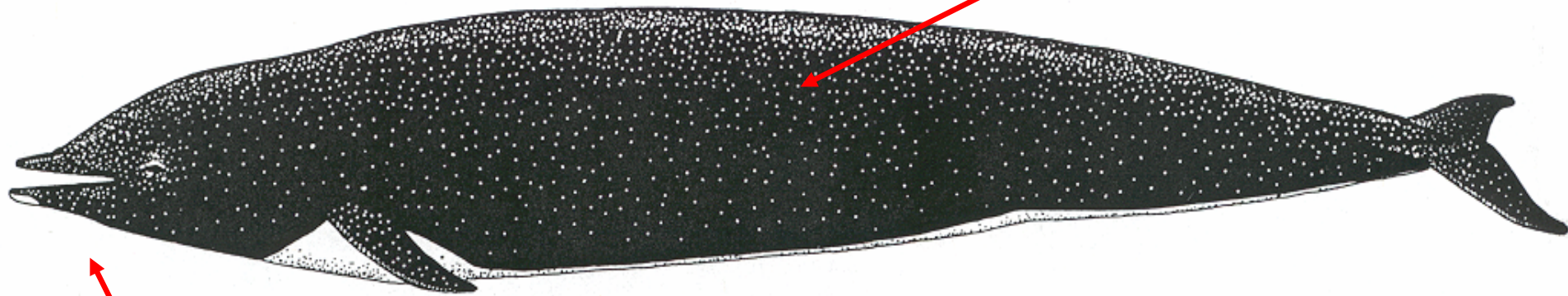


**Northern Right Whale Dolphin**

*Lissodelphis borealis*

**No dorsal fin**

**Black body coloration**



**Small sharp beak**

**Small pectoral flipper**

**Northern Right Whale Dolphin**

**dorsal view**



**ventral view**







**What am I?**

**Atlantic White-sided Dolphin**

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